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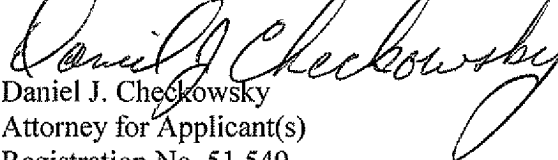
After entry of this Amendment, claims 3-12 and 14-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2 and 13, have been herein cancelled without prejudice. In the Office Action dated October 11, 2006, the Examiner objected to claims 3-5, 7-12, 16, and 18-20, as depending from a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitation of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestion and has amended claims 3, 7, 10, 16, 18, and 20, into independent form. In addition, previously rejected claim 6 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 3, and claims 14, 15, and 17, have been amended to depend from allowable claim 16. Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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